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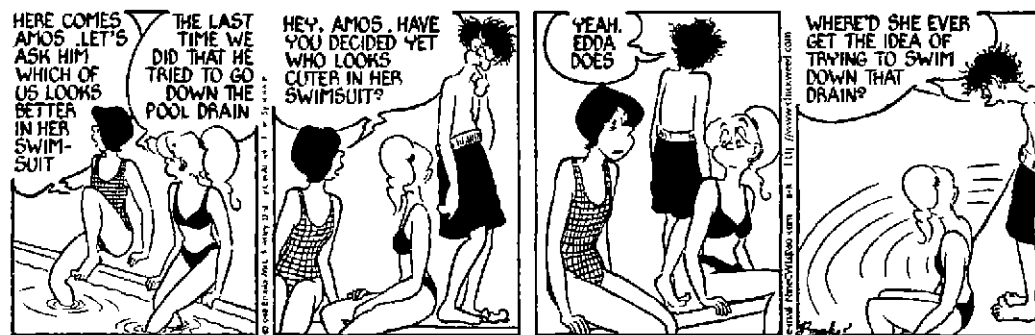
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



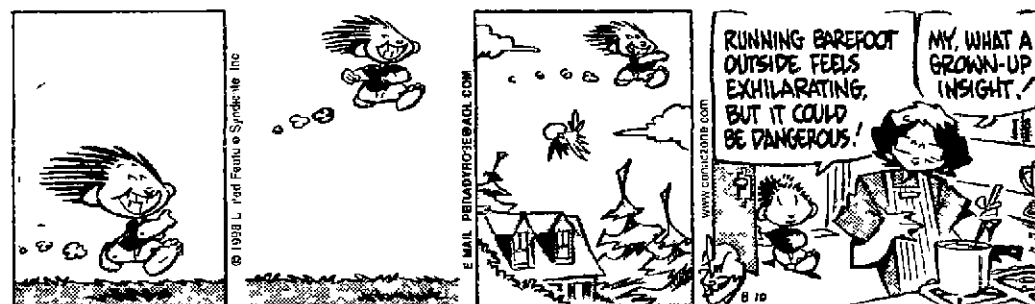
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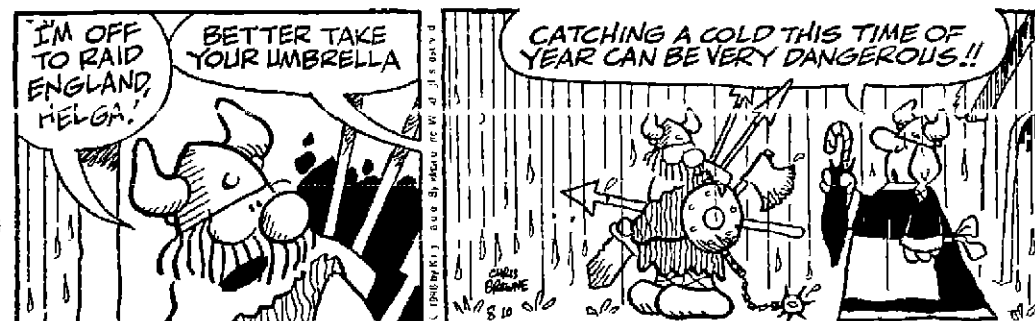
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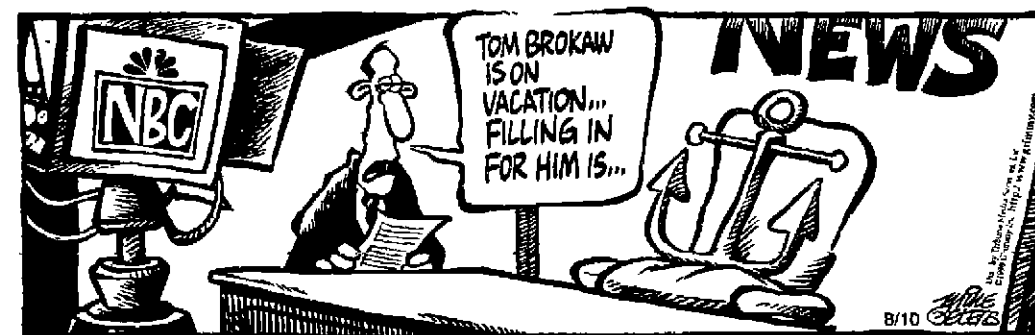
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



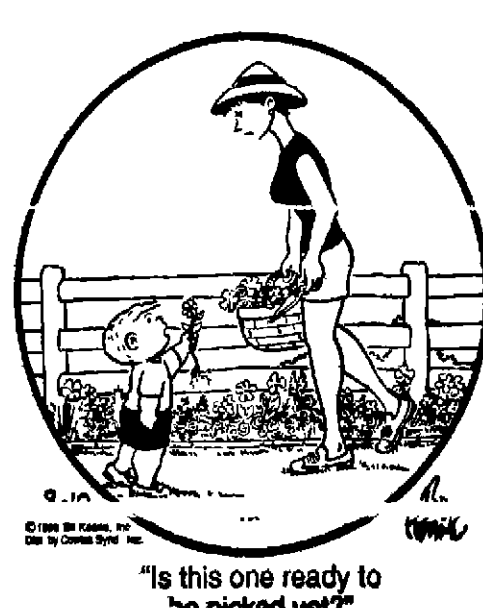
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH

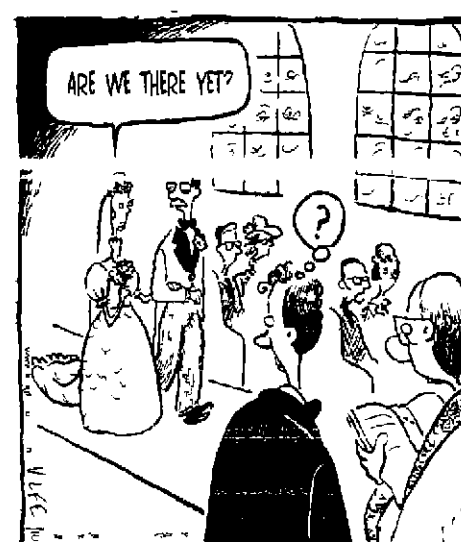


Today's Birthdays

Actor Jeff Corey is 84
Actress Rhonda Fleming is 75.
Singer Jimmy

Eddie Fisher is 70
Singer Bobby Hatfield (The Righteous Brothers) is 58
Singer Ronnie Spector is 55
Rock singer-musician Ian Anderson (Jethro Tull) is 51
Country musician Gene Johnson (Diamond Rio) is 49
Actor Daniel Hugh Kelly is 46
Actress Rene Russo is 44
Actress Rosanna Arquette is 39
Actor Antonio Banderas is 38

I NEED HELP



Todd began to wonder if he and Corinne were, in fact, too young to be getting married

SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 135-145
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 8-10-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate Inc.

RACK 1: N L C E U H S
RACK 2: N R R O O A M
RACK 3: V D R I H E E S
RACK 4: M A A G S N W

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Flying -

U P L S I E B X U Q N J T G D
Z W T Q A N K H S D A X E U R
P E M J G U D A Q X V S P Q N
K I N A M H C T U D F D R A O
X V T I Q O M E I J H F A K C
A Y W U H R T D R P N L C L J
H F X B S C R D R B T E Z X V
T R Q O I O A M E A G A R K I
H F D B F J T M L D Z P O A Z
Y W V T R Q S O E G D I R B M
N L K I H F D W C A Z X L W V

Saturday's unlisted clue: SHAH

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hunt: FABRIC FLOOR COVERING

Boat Fox Lizard Squirrel
Bridge Gacko Machine Start
Dutchman Jib Mare Wedge
Fish Leap Saucer

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) People are looking to you as a role model, and you will not disappoint.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A quiet day for you. It may be advantageous to stay behind the curtain. Lurk and observe.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Networking and socializing will go really well, so why not play host? Don't be afraid to spark a controversial conversation with new friends.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Cover all your bases and keep your nose clean. Get everything in writing to protect yourself.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Organize a team and you may come out on top. Assemble other cohorts that seek a similar goal.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) It's your party and you can cry if you want to. You may find that time is better quality when spent alone.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Nip a problem in the bud rather than waiting for it to come full blossom.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be certain all the facts are lucid before embarking on a new project. Thorough exploration now will prevent you from losing your way again.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Think big and speak loudly to make sure your opinion is heard. Being a teacher rather than drill sergeant, is the best way to organize a team behind you.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Holes and cracks in the home and family will require your attention. Putting matters off will ensure a problem.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) What you find to be a brilliant proposition may fall flat on the ears of others. Don't be discouraged by your unrecognized genius. It may be bad timing.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Catastrophe and chaos will reign supreme. It's your job to wade through the mayhem and attempt to function normally.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's East knew something South didn't, but he squandered his advantage by making a foolish play. After he told South he had the diamond ace, his silly return at trick two alerted South to the danger of an overruff. Without East's lead-directing double, West would probably have led a diamond anyway. But then South would have had more reason to suspect that the six was singleton. So the double was a good move for the defense. That was the end of the good moves. After East took dummy's diamond 10 with his queen, he committed an unpardonable crime. He led back a small diamond! This gave South something to think about. Why did East lead a low diamond instead of trying to cash the ace? Obviously, he had all the diamonds, and West might overruff if South ruffed with his nine. So South ruffed with an honor, hoping he would not have to lose a trump trick later to J-x-x. South's risky play proved a winner, and South made his vulnerable slam when West's trump jack fell doubleton. Having announced possession of both diamond honors, East should have played his diamond ace at trick two. Now, South would have had no reason to suspect an overruff and might well have ruffed with his nine instead of wasting an honor. West would have overruffed gratefully, and the slam would have gone one down. A general rule applies in this type of situation: "Always play the card you're known to hold."

NORTH 68-10-A
♠ A J 7 3
♥ 10 6
♦ K J 10 7 2
♣ 9 7

WEST 9-5-5-2
♠ 9 6 5 2
♥ J 8
♦ 6
♣ 6 5 4 3 2

EAST 10-4
♠ 10 4
♥ 7 3
♦ A Q 9 8 5 3
♣ J 10 8

SOUTH 4-K-Q-8
♠ K Q 8
♥ A K Q 9 5 4 2
♦ 4
♣ A

Vulnerable Both
Dealer South

The bidding
South West North East
2♥ Pass 3♦
3♥ Pass 4♥
4NT Pass 5♦
6♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Diamond six

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0629

ACROSS

1 Polish's partner
5 Silent actress Normand
10 Disappearing phone feature
14 Busy person's list heading
15 "The Barber of Seville," e.g.
16 Loafing
17 Dreadful end
18 Hornswoggle
19 Butcher's stock
20 Short-lived success
23 Skull
24 Building wing
25 Skirt fold
28 Second-stringer

31 Command to Bowser
35 Windpipe, e.g.
37 Spigot
39 Not worth a
40 Backstabber
44 6-3 in tennis
45 Letter before "cue"
46 Forewarns
47 Crumble, as support
50 Any planet
52 Analyze
53 "Independence Day" invaders
55 Farm fraction
57 Old fogey
63 Trendy
64 Die down
66 Sombrero feature

67 One of six for a hexagon
68 x mathwise
69 Liquid rock
70 Profess
71 Perfect places
72 Enthusiasm

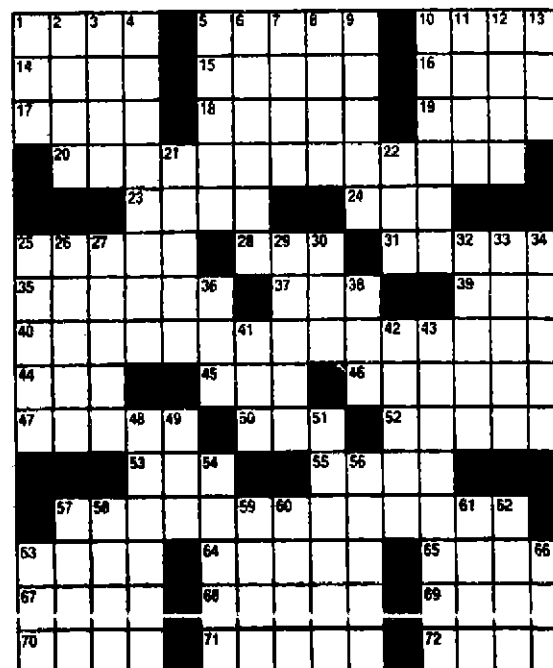
DOWN

1 The usual Abbr.
2 It's gone!
3 False god
4 Hiawatha's weapon
5 Coffee shop order
6 Plant pests
7 Existed
8 The "E" in QED
9 Carpenter's machine
10 Feature of a baby face

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AVA MPAA CAGES
BILLBOARD EVADE
ALBERTREE MANSE
SEAGATES RESTUP
ATON DENTAL
BOLTS PACT ALE
BILLY BONUS NIX
ALLY FLEET GIVE
ALI PLUMS FIFAS
ONFOOT JARGO
SCORNS BANGARAS
BUTCH ALCHMIST
KATIE DAREDEVIL
INHER UNOW ETO

11 The very notion
12 TV's Thicke
13 "Me Call You Sweetheart"
21 Caterpillar hairs
22 North Pole toymaker
26 Old hat
28 The Titanic, e.g.
29 Out-and-out
30 Out-fashioned "Phooey"
32 Russian royals
33 — Rica



Puzzle by Gregory E. Pearl

34 Impudent girl
36 Kennel sound
38 Black-eyed
41 Prefix with colonial
42 Blinding light
43 Look like
46 Deep Blue's game
47 Switchblade
48 Ocean motion
49 Footnote abbr.
50 Christen
61 Russia's Mountains
62 Beverly Sills, e.g.
63 Civil War letters
65 Million March

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